

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-21 (canceled)

22. (previously presented) A combination of a box for a set of electric storage batteries for an electric self-propelled vehicle and a set of electric storage batteries, said box comprising:

a top;

a bottom;

two mutually opposite side walls extending between said top and bottom and defining therebetween a housing for receiving said set of storage batteries, one of said side walls having a plurality of support elements extending longitudinally along said one of said side walls, another one of said side walls having a plurality of support elements extending longitudinally along said another one of said side walls, coplanar with said plural support elements of said one of said side walls, so that a pair of coplanar support elements directly contacts and supports at least one battery of said set of electric storage batteries and

provides a space between each battery of said set of electric storage batteries.

23. (previously presented) The combination as claimed in claim 22, wherein a distance between said plural supports of said one of said side walls and said plural supports of said another one of said side walls is less than a width of said at least one battery.

24. (previously presented) The combination as claimed in claim 22, wherein each of said support elements extend along said side walls at an angle inclined with respect to a horizontal plane.

25. (previously presented) The combination as claimed in claim 24, wherein the box further comprises two end plates connected to said top, said bottom and said side walls and removably enclosing said housing.

26. (previously presented) The combination as claimed in claim 25, wherein said end plates each comprise a plurality of ventilation openings therethrough.

27. (previously presented) The combination as claimed in claim 25, further comprising a battery holding element connected perpendicularly between adjacent ones of said plural support plates on each said side walls.

28. (previously presented) The combination as claimed in claim 28, wherein one end of each battery contacts one of said two

end plates and another end of each battery contacts said battery holding element.

29. (previously presented) The combination as claimed in claim 22, comprising a plurality of boxes connected in parallel.